

## Excited His Curiosity.

"Deadwood," said the stranger, putting down his half-eaten slice of lemon pie and taking a long pull at the milk. "I went there when the first rush was made for the hills. Rather a rough crowd the first lot, you bet; more wholesome now. When I got there I was dead-broke—didn't have a dollar, didn't have a revolver, which a man 'll often need out there worse 'n a meal's vittles. I was prob'ly the only man in the hills who didn't carry a fire-arm, an' I was some lonesome, I tell you. The only weapon I hed—I'm a blacksmith—was a rasp—a heavy file, you know—'bout eighteen inches long, which I carried down my back, the handle in easy reach just below my coat-collar. Understand? Like the Arkansaw man carries his bowie-knife. I'm not exactly a temperance man. I just don't drink an' don't meddle with any other man's drinkin'—that's all. One day—I hedn't been in Deadwood more 'n a week—I was sittin' in a s'loon—only place a man kin set to see any society—when a feller come in, a reg'lar hustler, with his can full and a quart over. Hed a revolver on each side of his belt an' looked vicious. Nothin' mean about him, though. Ask me to drink."

"Not any, thank you," sez I.  
"Not drink with me! Me! Bill Feathergill! When I ask a tenderfoot to drink I expect him to prance right up an' no monkeyin'! You h-e-a-r me!"

"Well, when his hand went down for his revolver I whipped out my old file quicker 'n fire would scorch a feather and swiped him one right across the face. When he fell I thought I'd killed him, an', the s'loon fillin' up with bums, I sorter skinned out, not knowin' what might happen. Purty soon a chap in a red shirt came up to me. Sez he:

"You the man as kearved Bill Feathergill? 'Cos, ef so be as you are, ef you don't want ev'ry man in the hills to climb you don't you try to hide yourself—the boys is askin' fur you now."

"It struck me that my friend had the idee, so I waltzed back and went up and down before that s'loon for nigh three hours. I'd found out Bill wasn't dead an' was bad medicine, but I'd do to let down. Purty soon I see my man a headin' for me. His face had been patched up till it looked like the closing-out display of a retail dry goods store. There was so little countenance exposed that I couldn't guess what he was a aimin' at, so I brought my hand back of my collar an' grabbed my file.

"Hold on there, there; hold on," sez he; "gimme y'r hand; I'm friendly, I've got nothin' agin you, not a thing, but—you'll pardon my curiosity—what sort of a d—d weapon was that, stranger?"

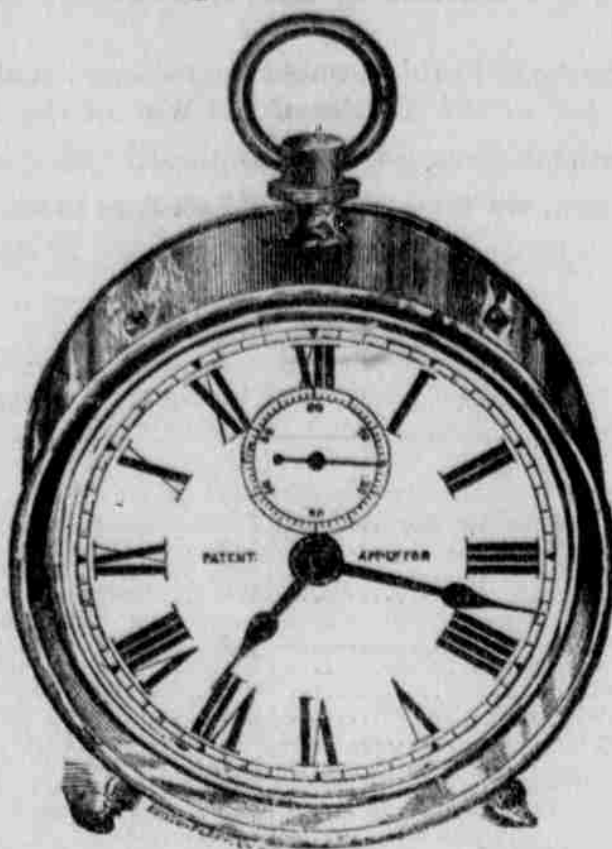
## The Lioness and the Terrier.

The Royal Zoological Garden of Ireland for many years possessed a beautiful lioness, known to visitors as "Old Girl." She was an animal of very high spirit; although very gentle, and was admitted by judges to be the finest lioness they had ever seen. The closing weeks of her life were marked by the following touching incident: When in health she had no objection to the presence of rats in her cage; on the contrary, she rather welcomed them as a relief to the monotony of existence which constitutes the chief trial of a wild animal in confinement. It was a common sight to see half a dozen rats gnawing the bones off which the lioness dined. In illness the case was different, for the ungrateful rats used to nibble the toes of the poor animal. To save the lioness from this annoyance, a fine little tan terrier was placed in the cage, who was at first received with a surely growl; but when the first rat appeared, and the lioness saw the little dog tackle him, she began to understand what the terrier was for. She coaxed him to her side, folded her paw around him, and at each night the little creature slept at the breast of the lioness, enfolded with her paws, and watching that his natural enemies did not disturb the rest of his mistress.

## A Monster Ship.

A new steamship, which, when completed, will be the largest and finest merchant vessel in the world, is now being built at Barrow, England, for the Inman line. She will be ready for use in the spring of 1881 and will then begin making regular trips between New York and Liverpool. The City of Rome was regarded as the most appropriate name which could be given to this addition to the Inman fleet. Her dimensions are to be as follows: Length of keel, 546 feet; length over all, 590 feet; breadth of beam, 52 feet; depth of hold, 38 feet, 9 inches, and depth from top of deck-house to keel, 52 feet. Her measurement will be 8,300 tons, or over 2,000 tons larger than either the City of Berlin or the Arizona, and 800 tons, larger than the Servia, the new Cunard steamship, which will be completed this fall; she will be over four-fifths the size of the Great Eastern. The engines of the City of Rome will be of 8,500 horse-power, with six cylinders; three of which are high pressure, and three low pressure. There will be eight boilers, heated by forty-eight furnaces, and the vessel can be propelled at the rate of eighteen and a quarter knots an hour. She will carry four large masts and three smoke funnels. A large spread of canvas can be set, which will enable the steamship to make good time, if necessary, without the aid of the engines. The saloon and staterooms will be placed amidships, and will contain every facility for comfort and luxury. All the latest improvements are to be added, and the entire cabin will be splendidly furnished and upholstered. There will be 275 revolving chairs at the saloon tables, and the staterooms will easily accommodate 300 first class passengers. A drawing-room, which can be occupied by 100 ladies at a time, will be placed on the deck immediately over the saloon. The smoking-room will be above the drawing-room, and will accommodate 100 smokers at once. The saloon will contain six bath-rooms. There will be room on board for almost any number of steerage passengers, and space for an enormous quantity of freight in the hold. The City of Rome is to be built of steel, with a double bottom and eleven bulkheads. Two longitudinal bulkheads are to run through the engine and boiler spaces. These will greatly decrease the danger of the vessel sinking in case of a collision. The top decks are to be of the best teak. No expense is to be spared in making this magnificent steamship perfect in every respect. She will have the highest classification of any vessel in the Liverpool Red Book and in the British Lloyds. The Inman people expect that, so far as the transportation and freight goes, the City of Rome will prove the monarch of the seas.

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INDIANAPOLIS, IND., NOV. 13, 1876.  
GEORGE E. LEMON, Esq., Washington, D. C.:  
DEAR SIR—You are hereby authorized to notify each of my clients that I have transferred to you all their claims, evidences, &c., and that it is my desire that they should correspond with you hereafter, and forward such evidence as you may need to complete their claims.  
(Signed) B. F. PRITCHARD.

This proposed transfer was submitted to the Hon. Z. Chandler, Secretary of the Interior, for his consideration and action. The following extract from his letter, written to the Hon. J. A. Bentley, Commissioner of Pensions, explains itself, and to it your attention is invited:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington, D. C., December 6, 1876.

In view of the peculiar state of facts existing in the case, and the good standing of Mr. Lemon as an attorney before this Department, as well as his apparent good faith in this entire transaction, I am of the opinion that it would be proper to allow the transfer to be made.

Z. CHANDLER.

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